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(As Amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A")

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE ON THE PREVENTION OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF CHILDREN."

Strike subsection (a) of section 1 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

3 "(a) There is established a Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual 4 Abuse of Children. The task force, in consultation with the Department 5 of Children and Families, the Department of Social Services, the 6 Department of Correction and the joint standing committee of the 7 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children, 8 shall develop a master plan to reduce the instances of sexual abuse of 9 children by January 1, 2020. Such master plan shall: (1) Adopt and 10 implement policies addressing sexual abuse of children; (2) provide 11 training for school personnel on child sexual abuse; (3) provide 12 educational information to parents or guardians on the warning signs 13 of a child being sexually abused, along with any needed assistance, 14 referral or resource information; (4) provide counseling and resources

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15 for any student affected by sexual abuse; (5) provide emotional and educational support for any sexually abused child; (6) develop 16 methods for increasing teacher, student and parent awareness of issues 17 18 regarding sexual abuse of children, including training such individuals 19 on the recognition of warning signs of sexual abuse; (7) educate any 20 sexually abused child on the availability of assistance and intervention; and (8) provide in-school counseling options for any student having 21 22 suffered from sexual abuse. The task force may amend such master 23 plan at any time."